

Editor's Mailbox

Our Readers Speak Out

Editor, The EXPRESS,

As a participant in the Chamber of Commerce balloon rally, I would like to thank Rob Matthews and members of the rally committee for their warm hospitality to the pilots and crews. Dansville has always made us feel very welcomed and most of our host families have become personal friends as well.

Since returning home and speaking to fellow participants, the main comment I have heard is "Dansville's a great place to fly and great people to be with but they really need to get together and work together to have one balloon rally."

Ballooning coming together at rallies throughout the summer come to fly, obviously. But they also come from all points to see their friends. Pilots exchange stories with each other, children meet once again with their friends from across the state, pin trading resumes among crews, and everyone catches up on what's happened since they were last together.

Not only do the balloonists get confused (by arriving to register and being told they are scheduled to be at the other rally), the public gets two sources of information and are left to make a decision or guess where their favorite pilot is launching from.

The main ingredient for some of the most successful rallies I've seen is "small town main street America." That is to say a community with a main street where merchants, schools, churches and the residents work together; and as a result, one weekend every year the town comes alive and becomes a hub of activity. In many cases, families plan their reunions or trips home to see the folks around a festival.

You have a great potential to bring a lot of revenue to your community during a balloon rally. But please, for everyone involved, work together to bring Western New York ONE great rally in one of the most scenic flying areas in New York State.

Up and Away,
Linda Harrington Spencerport

Editor, The EXPRESS

I am writing in regards to the Wayland Central School building proposals. It seems there are some points that are unclear about the renovations and additions needed at Wayland. First, as a student I can testify that the classes are too crowded. There are not enough materials for each student to have their own. Many teachers have 37 students and only about 30 books. Those students who don't receive a textbook are only going to suffer.

There are only 88 classrooms, with 18 teachers having to "float." This means these teachers move from room to room. They take their teaching materials for that class and hope that the room has what the teachers may need. One teacher may take for granted that the audio visual aids will be there, and come to class to find it not there.

The state is financing this building proposal. For every dollar used, 70 cents will be paid for. This means our state government is willing to pay to the tune of \$5.25 million on the renovations and additions. Now, if the state is willing to shell out that kind of money, let's not be foolish. The cost has already gone up \$500,000 since last time the proposal was voted on. When the money is there, the community should take advantage of it. If this proposal fails to go through, the state may not be willing to finance a third time.

In conclusion, I am in favor of this proposal. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Now

this may not be the country, but it is part of the nation. Tax-paying adults are responsible for the education of young people. If no one is willing to invest in the future, what kind of free and democratic nation are we living in?

Monica Ayer
Wayland

Editor, The EXPRESS,

I would like to express my thanks to the people of Rochester and all the surrounding towns and villages for their enthusiastic support of the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. The amount raised in this area was a record amount for our area.

The volunteers worked long and hard at the Telethon, but the work doesn't stop there. These dedicated people are available all year for fund-raising events and whatever voluntary work needs to be done. They also deserve a hearty thank you.

As the mother of the New York State Muscular Dystrophy Association Poster Children, I know firsthand where the money goes and how it is used. MDA provides many services for my family, Chris and Danny are healthier because of it.

It makes me feel good to know that the people of the area care about the gains being made in research, and realize the work that still needs to be done. Remember, your check could be the one that makes the difference between a discovery now or waiting for another year.

Deborah Fogg
191 Whittier Road
Rochester

Arrest Area Man On Marijuana Charge

A West Sparta man will appear in Ossian Town Court tonight to answer a charge of unlawfully growing marijuana.

Kevin W. Krywe, 34, of Hartman Road was charged after deputies confiscated two garbage bags of marijuana from his vehicle.

According to Livingston County Sheriff's Department Maj. John York and Deputy James Szczesniak who investigated, Krywe was apprehended upon leaving his farm on Blank Hill Road in Ossian. Krywe was then taken back to his farm where more growing marijuana was harvested by officials. Police then went to his Hartman Road home and confiscated more marijuana growing there.

The value of the confiscated marijuana was set at several thousand dollars by police. Sheriff Richard A. Kane described the marijuana as "very high grade."

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Close Call on Silo Fall

Loren and Mary Bonner of Bonnerdale Farm on Valley Road in the Town of Ossian were ready to go out at about 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, that is until they noticed something odd in a cluster of four silos in an area in back of one of the barns.

One of the structures, a 22-foot by 70-foot concrete block cylinder, appeared to be a foot-and-a-half off center. The silo had only recently been filled with about 800 tons of corn silage, and collapse from its own weight seemed imminent.

Dan Bonner said the family busied itself with moving calves

and their hatches before the pending destruction and waited. He said his father thought of the electrical connection to the tower and left the group to cut the power.

The younger Bonner estimated only about 20 seconds passed after his father cut the line before "the thing collapsed." That was about 7:30 p.m.

"When it hit the ground, it sounded like a bomb going off. It blew the cap off and bricks flew about 35 feet," he said.

Dan Bonner explained that the falling structure took with it a storage bin and about 19 tons of

grain.

Mrs. Bonner said the structure was about 19 years old, "a short life for a silo," but because of the summer rains, the corn has been heavier, with more bulk to it, she said.

Last Friday, Mrs. Bonner reported about 14 neighboring farmers moved in on the Bonners to help in salvage operations cutting a ditch and the silage pushed into it for storage.

She said there were the Kramers, the Schramms, Guys, Derrenbachers and Van Aukens "and some we didn't even know."

Set Leisure Learning Classes at Genesee State

Genesee State University College's Leisure Learning School you can learn how to make a duck decoy and then learn how to get all your ducks in a row.

The school is offering some 70 courses this fall including "Waterfowl Decoy Making" and "Personal Financial Planning."

The non-credit courses, held on evenings and weekends, are designed for enjoyment and self-development and are open to the public.

Some other Leisure Learning School offerings this semester include:

"Getting Your House in Order." This course will enable you to manage your life so you can get those household chores done and still find time for that favorite hobby or project.

"Mixology and Bartending for the Amateur and Professional." This course will deal with the history, care and use of various types of alcohol. Drink recipes will be given and there will be discussions about the proper attitude and behavior of the professional and amateur bartender.

"Lifetime and Estate Planning." Saving on estate taxes, making a will and estate plan and income tax planning are some of the topics that will be covered.

"Green Thumbing." The course will focus on home landscaping, pruning, planting and how to grow plants, trees and vegetables.

"Great Beers of the World." The course will focus on techniques for buying, storing, pouring and tasting beers from Germany,

England, Belgium and the United States.

"A Night of Murder II." You must prove yourself innocent of murder and one other person guilty in this party game, which will be held four times in October.

"The Shakers of the Genesee Valley." The lecture will focus on the history of the Shakers and the building of communities, first at Sodus Bay and then at Groveland.

"Dinner Before the Theatre: An Evening With Evita." Genesee history faculty member David Tamarin, a Latin American and

Argentine specialist, will conduct a discussion on Eva Duarte de Peron, one of the most enigmatic and controversial figures in history, prior to the performance of the Tony Award-winning play "Evita" on the Genesee campus Nov. 19.

The Leisure Learning School will also offer courses in defensive driving, self defense for women, sign language and a host of dance, exercise and swimming classes.

To find out more about the Leisure Learning offerings or to register for a course, contact the school at 245-5877.

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